

House File 658 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act related to the completion of cultural competency
2 instruction by health professionals and students enrolled in
3 health-related degree programs.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. Section 260C.14, Code 2009, is amended by
1 2 adding the following new subsection:
1 3 NEW SUBSECTION. 23. Include cultural competency
1 4 instruction in all health education courses and in all
1 5 health-related certificate or degree programs.
1 6 Sec. 2. Section 261.9, subsection 1, unnumbered paragraph
1 7 1, Code 2009, is amended to read as follows:
1 8 "Accredited private institution" means an institution of
1 9 higher learning located in Iowa which is operated privately
1 10 and not controlled or administered by any state agency or any
1 11 subdivision of the state and which meets the criteria in
1 12 paragraphs "a" and "b" and all of the criteria in paragraphs
1 13 "d" through "g" and "h", except that institutions defined in
1 14 paragraph "c" of this subsection are exempt from the
1 15 requirements of paragraphs "a" and "b":
1 16 Sec. 3. Section 261.9, subsection 1, Code 2009, is amended
1 17 by adding the following new paragraph:
1 18 NEW PARAGRAPH. h. Includes cultural competency
1 19 instruction in all health education courses and in all
1 20 health-related certificate or degree programs.
1 21 Sec. 4. Section 262.9, Code 2009, is amended by adding the
1 22 following new subsection:
1 23 NEW SUBSECTION. 32. Require the institutions of higher
1 24 learning under its control to include cultural competency
1 25 instruction in all health education courses and in all
1 26 health-related degree programs.
1 27 Sec. 5. Section 272C.2, Code 2009, is amended by adding
1 28 the following new subsection:
1 29 NEW SUBSECTION. 6. The rules issued by each health care
1 30 licensing board for continuing education requirements as a
1 31 condition of license renewal shall require cultural competency
1 32 instruction in all continuing education courses and programs
1 33 approved by the licensing board. A health care licensing
1 34 board may waive a continuing education requirement related to
1 35 instruction in cultural competency if the applicant for
2 1 licensure or license renewal demonstrates to the satisfaction
2 2 of the board that the applicant has attained the substantial
2 3 equivalent of the requirement through completion of similar
2 4 instruction as part of a health-related certificate or degree
2 5 program successfully completed at an accredited postsecondary
2 6 institution.

EXPLANATION

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2 8 This bill requires community colleges and regents
2 9 universities, and accredited private institutions which
2 10 received state moneys, to include cultural competency
2 11 instruction in all health education courses and in all
2 12 health-related degree programs, and in the case of community
2 13 colleges and accredited private institutions, in
2 14 health-related certificate programs. The bill also requires
2 15 all health care licensing boards to require the instruction in
2 16 all continuing education courses and programs approved by the
2 17 licensing board.
2 18 However, the bill permits a health care licensing board to
2 19 waive the continuing education requirement if the applicant

2 20 for licensure or license renewal demonstrates to the
2 21 satisfaction of the board that the applicant has attained the
2 22 substantial equivalent of the requirement through completion
2 23 of similar instruction as part of a health-related certificate
2 24 or degree program successfully completed at an accredited
2 25 postsecondary institution.
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